

REMARKS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 5-7, 12-16, and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sun (Published U.S. Application 2004/0160532). Claims 2-4, 8-11, and 17-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sun.

However, in the present invention, "when said first external operation is performed, the read/write unit transfers all video data temporarily stored in the storage unit to the external storage medium and the storage unit stops updating until all video data has been transferred." (Claim 1; Claim 15 contains similar limitations) This limitation is disclosed in paragraphs 42, 46, and 98 of the specification. This feature of the present invention transfers temporarily stored video (internal RAM) to an external storage medium when a viewer pauses (e.g. a first external operation) a displayed video program. Applicants respectfully assert that Sun does not disclose an analogous feature of transferring temporarily stored video data to an external storage medium. The Examiner contends Sun's Frame Management Unit (FMU) can import frames from a removable memory. (Office Action page 2) However, Sun does not disclose exporting frames when a pause operation is performed as required in the present invention. Moreover, Sun does not discuss restarting storage of the video data when all the temporarily stored video data has been transferred. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Sun fails to anticipate or obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

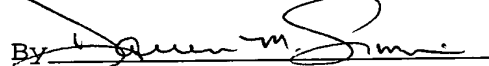
As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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